

## SUBCOMMITTEE: COMMERCE, AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES &amp;

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1152

## AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on/for \_\_\_\_\_)

on \_\_\_\_\_)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Wilt)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 3.2-4416 of the Code of Virginia, relating to beehive grant program.

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 3.2-4416 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 3.2-4416. Beehive distribution program.**~~A. As used in this section, unless the context requires a different meaning:~~~~"Fund" means the Beehive Grant Fund established pursuant to § 3.2-4415.~~~~"Grant" means a grant issued pursuant to the Beehive Grant Program.~~~~"Individual" means a beekeeper. Any individual registered with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.~~~~B. Beginning January 1, 2013, any individual who either purchases a new hive or purchases materials or supplies to construct a new hive as a beekeeper may apply to the Department for a grant from the Fund. Such grant shall be in an amount equal to \$200 per new hive, not to exceed \$2,400 per individual per year.~~~~C. An individual shall apply to the Department for a grant for purchase or construction of new hives. Grants no more than three basic beehive units per year. The Department shall establish guidelines setting forth the components of a basic beehive unit and the general requirements for qualifying for such unit. Applications for beehive units shall be ~~issued~~ processed in the order ~~that each in which~~ completed eligible ~~application is~~ applications are received. In the event that ~~the amount of eligible grants requested in a fiscal year exceeds the~~ funds are not available in the Beehive Grant Fund, ~~such grants shall be paid in established pursuant to § 3.2-4415 (the Fund), the Department may cease accepting applications and notify applicants that the funds available for that fiscal year have been exhausted. The Department shall not be~~~~

27 required to carry forward pending applications to the next fiscal year in which funds are available in the  
28 Fund.

29 ~~D. The Department shall develop guidelines setting forth the general requirements of qualifying~~  
30 ~~for a grant.~~

31 ~~E. The Department shall compile, maintain, and distribute electronically a Virginia Beekeeping~~  
32 ~~Guide to provide information to beekeepers on beekeeping may use funds from the Fund to pay for the~~  
33 ~~costs of purchasing, building, or distributing the beehive units and for the costs of administering the~~  
34 ~~beehive distribution program. The Department may work cooperatively with the Virginia Cooperative~~  
35 ~~Extension Service and Agricultural Experiment Station Division, established pursuant to Article 2 (§ 23.1-~~  
36 ~~2608 et seq.) of Chapter 26 of Title 23.1, to carry out the provisions of this section.~~

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